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Subject: Materials on EPA's Proposed Protection Standard for the Yucca Mt. Repository

Dear Harold,

As I mentioned, the U.S. EPA is proposing a radiation standard to protect public health from radioactive materials in the planned high-level radioactive waste disposal facility at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The deadline for comments is November 21.

A few years ago, the California Yucca Mt. High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository Technical Advisory Group submitted comments on the Draft EIS for the Yucca Mt. Repository. This group, coordinated by the Energy Commission, was comprised of state agency representatives from the CEC, Cal EPA, Dept. of Conservation, DWR, DTSC, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, State Water Resources Control Board, Parks and Recreation, Dept. of Health Services, Fish and Game, California Highway Patrol, Office of Emergency Services, and DOT. I am asking a few technical experts from this group to look over the proposed US EPA standard to see if there are issues of concern for California and whether California should prepare formal written comments. I also have sent this set of materials to Jeff Wong at Cal EPA.

Attached please find:

1. US EPA's Proposed Radiation Protection Standard,
2. Nevada's comments/concerns re: the standard
3. a map prepared by a consultant for Nevada showing the Death Valley Groundwater Basin
4. California's Comments on the Draft EIS for the Yucca Mt. Project.

Please let me know if you receive these materials okay. Thanks.

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